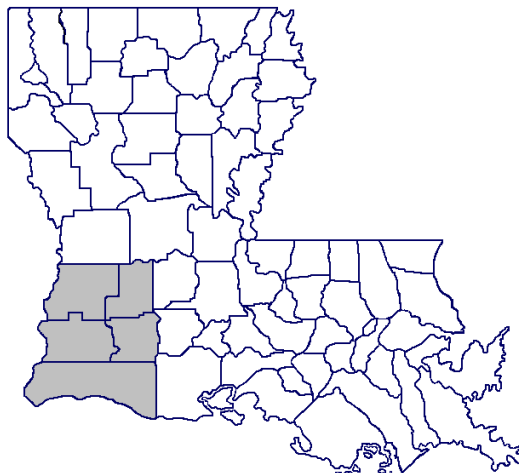


**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 5  
FOURTH QUARTER 2002  
COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**

Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu,  
Cameron, Jefferson Davis



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 5 during fourth quarter 2002 was 110,154, an increase of 0.5% from the third quarter 2002, and a decrease of 0.5% from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in eight of the 20 NAICS sectors from the third quarter 2002. The largest percentage increase of 8.0% was in educational services.

Average quarterly employment data for fourth quarter 2002, third quarter 2002, fourth quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 49. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 5 with 14,200 employees, or 12.9% of total employment. Calcasieu was the leading parish with 81,932 employees, or 74.4% of total employment.

Total wages decreased 0.4% from the same period in 2001, and increased by 7.5% from the third quarter 2002, for an average weekly wage of \$580.18. Cameron parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$669.58.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 5 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 5" beginning on page 52.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Allen	\$ 449.79
Beauregard	548.11
Calcasieu	608.11
Cameron	669.58
Jefferson Davis	431.40

The number of reporting units in RLMA 5 for fourth quarter 2002 was 6,597.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT

